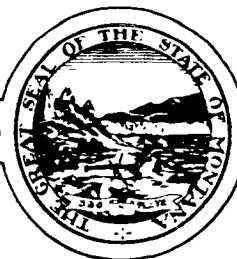


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Ken Reick  
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Dear Mr. Reick:

This is in response to your April 10, 1989 letter that describes the anticipated modification of the air discharge scrubbing system and the resulting change in the scrubber water discharge. The chemistry of the process components (briquette extruder and briquette contact cooling water) that may act as pollutant sources will not change. Therefore I do not think the change in the quality or quantity of the discharge is significant enough to warrant a major modification of the MGWPCS Permit (No. 0005) issued to the plant.

Actual analysis of the new wastewater stream will be necessary when the system is operational. Minor modification of the self-monitoring parameters identified in the permit may be necessary if analysis reveals a detectable change in the chemistry of the wastewater. Please notify me when the new scrubber is on line.

if you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact Fred Shewman or me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John L. Arrigo".

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